

Iraq

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KOSYGIN HONORS SADDAM HUSAYN, DISCUSSES MIDEAST SITUATION

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(TEXT) MOSCOW APRIL 14 TASS--SPEAKING AT A DINNER TODAY IN HONOUR OF SADDAM HUSAYN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR ALEKSEY KOSYGIN SAID:

SOVIET-IRAQI TALKS BEGAN IN MOSCOW IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE TODAY. PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRAQI REPUBLIC HAVE ARRIVED HERE FOR THE TALKS. THEY ARE LED BY THE DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST RENAISSANCE PARTY, ~~WHO IS SHAWERMANO~~ ~~THE REVOL~~ ~~SOVIET~~ ~~AD~~ ~~IN~~ ~~COM~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~AN~~ ~~COUN~~ ~~ST~~ ~~AND~~ ~~S~~ ~~ADDAM~~ ~~HUSAYN~~, STATESMAN AND PARTY LEADER OF IRAQ WHO HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO RAPPROCHEMENT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET PEOPLE ALSO KNOW THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF IRAQ IS PURSUING A COURSE TOWARD FURTHER DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING SOVIET-IRAQI RELATIONS, A COURSE WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF BROAD POPULAR MASSES IN THAT COUNTRY.

WE, FOR OUR PARTY, WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE OUR IRAQI FRIENDS THAT THE SOVIET UNION PURSUES ONE POLICY TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ. THIS POLICY IS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR EQUITABLE FRIENDLY COOPERATION, TO ENRICH IT WITH NEW CONTENT, AND FIND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS RAISED BY EXPERIENCE.

AS WAS STRESSED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF OUR PARTY, LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV, THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF OUR COUNTRIES, IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE, IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM AND PROGRESS OF THE ARAB PEOPLES, IN THE NAME OF A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE LINKS IN THE ALLIANCE OF THE FORCES OF WORLD SOCIALISM AND NATIONAL LIBERATION. THE INTERACTION OF THESE FORCES IN THE GENERAL FLOW OF WORLD REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IS EXERTING A GROWING INFLUENCE ON THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

IT IS FOR THREE YEARS NOW THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ HAVE BEEN BUILDING THEIR RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH WAS SIGNED IN BAGHDAD ON APRIL 9, 1972.

IN THIS TREATY OUR COUNTRIES EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALL-ROUND COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM MEETS THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SERVES THE CAUSE OF PEACE THE WORLD OVER AND IN THE AREA OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE INTERESTS OF THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLES. TIME AND EXPERIENCE SHOW THAT OUR TREATY WHICH RESTS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHERS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS REALLY BECOME A LIVING SOURCE ON WHICH THE PEOPLES DRAW FOR STRENGTH IN THEIR STRIVING FOR PROGRESS AND PEACE.

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IRAQI PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST RENAISSANCE
PARTY OF IRAQ AND WITH THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER PROGRESSIVE
PATRIOTIC FORCES. THE NATIONALISATION OF FOREIGN OIL
COMPANIES, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND MEASURES
TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE PEOPLE--ARE ALL BIG STEPS FORWARD
IN THE STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

DEEP-GOING CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF IRAQI
SOCIETY ARE COMBINED WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE
FORCES OF THE COUNTRY. A MAJOR STEP FORWARD ON THIS WAY WAS THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BATH PARTY AND THE IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY ON
COOPERATION WITHIN THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT. WE
REGARD THE FURTHER COHESION OF ALL FORCES DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE
OF NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION AS AN EARNEST (AS RECEIVED)
OF PRESERVATION AND AUGMENTATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GAINS OF THE
IRAQI PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLES OF OUR MULTI-NATIONAL COUNTRY FOLLOW CLOSELY HOW
THE KURDISH PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED IN FRIENDLY IRAQ. THE
IRAQI COMRADES KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNIST PARTY HAS GAINED A WEALTH
OF EXPERIENCE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN PURSUING A LENINIST
NATIONALITIES POLICY HAS CREATED THE NECESSARY POLITICAL, SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR A HARMONIOUS AND ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT
OF OUR SOVIET REPUBLICS, OF ALL NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES
OF THE SOVIET UNION. THEREFORE, YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND AMONG
SOVIET PEOPLE A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF A POLICY DIRECTED AT A
DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL QUESTION, AT ENSURING NOT
ONLY THE LEGAL BUT ALSO THE ACTUAL EQUALITY OF NATIONS.

WE KNOW THAT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC
SOLUTION OF THE KURDISH PROBLEM IS SPECIFICALLY THE LAW ON THE
AUTONOMY OF IRAQI KURDISTAN.

ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE FACILITATED DECISIVELY
BY THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY OF ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND
CONSISTENT ENLISTMENT OF THE COOPERATION OF THE BROAD MASSES
OF THE PEOPLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME FOR
A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF
THE KURDISH PEOPLE AND MEETS THE COMMON NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE
IRAQI STATE.

THE IRAQI PEOPLE KNOW WELL FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE THAT THE
EXTERNAL SITUATION IS OF EXTREMELY GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR ADVANCE
ALONG THE ROAD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS. IN SOME CASES, IT MAY
CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THIS AND IN OTHERS RAISE
SERIOUS OBSTACLES AND DEFLECT EFFORTS AND RESOURCES FROM THE TASKS
OF PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION AND RAISING THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE
PEOPLES. THE IMPERIALIST FORCES AND REACTION HAVE NOT ABANDONED
THEIR ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT IRAQ AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES FROM
THE ROAD THEY HAVE CHOSEN.

(MORE)

CORRECTION: 2ND PARAGRAPH 5TH AND 6TH LINES SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, SADDAM HUSAYN,
WHO IS WELL KNOWN IN THE SOVIET UNION AS AN OUTSTANDING

(CORRECTING OVERLINE)

ONLY ADD 112 (KOSYGIN MIDEAST SPEECH)

XXX THEY HAVE CHOSEN.

(TEXT) THE BEARERS OF THIS IMPERIALIST POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE THE RULING CIRCLES OF ISRAEL WHICH HAVE UNLEASHED WARS THERE MORE THAN ONCE IN THE COURSE OF OVER A QUARTER CENTURY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE AGGRESSION HAS NEVER CEASED AND IN THE INTERVALS BETWEEN MILITARY ACTIONS ISRAEL TRIED EVERY TIME TO STRENGTHEN ITS HOLD ON THE LANDS IT HAD SEIZED AND TO PREPARE FOR A NEW WAR.

A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON NOW IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOWS THAT THE ESSENCE OF THE POLICY OF ISRAEL AND THE IMPERIALIST FORCES SUPPORTING IT HAS NOT CHANGED. NOW, TOO, THEY CONTINUE STUBBORNLY A COURSE TO PREVENT IN EVERY WAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT OF THE ARAB STATES AND PEOPLES. THERE ARE CONTINUED ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE ONE BY ONE THE ARAB COUNTRIES, VICTIMS OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION, TO MAKE SUCH CONCESSIONS AS WOULD IN FACT LEGALIZE THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF CONSIDERABLE ARAB TERRITORIES.

IT IS NOT HARD TO SEE THAT THE AIM OF SUCH A COURSE IS TO HAMPER THE EFFORTS OF THE ARABS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR A CARDINAL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. IN OTHER WORDS, IN EXCHANGE FOR INSIGNIFICANT TROOPS WITHDRAWALS FROM THE TERRITORIES BELONGING TO ARAB STATES, ISRAEL WANTS TO SECURE FROM THEM MAJOR POLITICAL CONCESSIONS THAT WOULD STRIKE A BLOW TO THE PRINCIPLED POSITION OF THE ARABS AND THEIR BASIC INTERESTS.

SUCH A WAY WILL NOT LEAD TO PEACE. NOR ARE THERE ANY EVENTUAL GAINS IN IT FOR ISRAEL WHERE THERE HAS BEEN LATELY, EVIDENTLY NOT WITHOUT REASON, A GROWING UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHERE THE POLICY OF FURTHER CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARAB STATES WILL LEAD THE COUNTRY.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY COMING OUT FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, A PEACE THAT WOULD REALLY ENSURE SECURITY AND FREE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SUCH A PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED UNDER CONDITION OF LIBERATING ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY THE AGGRESSOR IN 1967 AND ENSURING THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO CREATE OWN STATE. IT IS ONLY IN THIS WAY THAT A SITUATION CAN BE ENSURED WHEN EACH STATE AND EACH PEOPLE OF THAT REGION WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE, SECURITY AND GENERALLY RECOGNISED FRONTIERS.

THE SPEEDIEST RESUMPTION OF THE WORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH WAS SPECIALLY CREATED TO CONSIDER THE ENTIRE RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, MUST SERVE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL. THIS CONFERENCE HAS THE ADVANTAGE THAT IT WILL DISCUSS ALL THE QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT NOT IN CHAMBER BUT OPENLY, BEFORE THE ARAB AND WORLD PUBLIC, WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER THE MANOEUVRES OF THE OPPONENTS OF THE JUST PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

YOUR SUCCESSES ARE THE SUCCESS OF THE FRIENDLY IRAQI REPUBLIC, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND OTHER STATES WILL BE MORE SIGNIFICANT IF THE ARAB COUNTRIES WILL BE MORE UNITED IN THEIR ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE AND IF THEY QUICKLY SURMOUNT ALL THAT WHICH IMPEDES THE UNIFICATION OF THEIR EFFORTS. (SENTENCE AS RECEIVED) ESTEEMED PRESIDENT AL-BAKR HAS EXPRESSED A VERY CORRECT VIEWPOINT WHEN HE SAID THAT THE ACTIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING UNITY AMONG THE LIBERATED ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FULLY RESOLVED TO FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM, ARE THE CORNERSTONE IN SCORING THE VICTORY.

AS REGARDS THE PRESENT-DAY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS A WHOLE, IT IS CHARACTERISED BY STRENGTHENING THE LINE TOWARD DETENTE, ASSERTION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN THE RELATIONS OF STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL ORDER. NOW IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY SO THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE SHOULD ADVANCE FARTHER AND SPREAD OVER ALL THE REGIONS OF THE GLOBE.

THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE CONSISTENTLY CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THIS PROCESS OF NORMALISING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. FOR THESE PURPOSES WE SHALL BE, AS BEFORE, RENDERING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATIONAL RIGHTS, FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

CONCLUDING, ALEXSEY KOSYGIN PROPOSED A TOAST FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST RENAISSANCE PARTY, PRESIDENT OF IRAQI REPUBLIC COMRADE AL-BAKR, COMRADE SADDAM HUSAY,, ALL IRAQI FRIENDS PRESENT THERE.

HE ALSO TOASTED THE STRENGTHENING OF SOVIET-IRAQI FRIENDSHIP AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION.

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